

REMARKS

The applicants note with appreciation the acknowledgement of the claim for priority under section 119 and the notice that all of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

Further, the applicants appreciate the return of a copy of form 1449, on which the examiner has initialed the sole item.

Regarding the drawings, two new sheets of formal drawings are attached to a separate paper addressed to the draftsman. Copies of the same two new sheets are attached to this amendment. No new matter has been added. The applicants respectfully request approval of the proposed new drawing sheets.

In the new proposed drawings, reference number 5 has been added to indicate the drive belt in Figure 1. This is consistent with a similar change made to the specification. In figures 2 and 5, the cross hatching has been changed to indicate resin. Also, in figure 5, reference character 13d has been changed to 13b.

As for the lack of an indication of the "load direction" in the drawings, this phrase has been removed from claim 3.

Claims 2 and 3 were rejected under 35 USC 112 as being indefinite. In particular, the terms "mainly" and "nearly" were objectionable. The terms "mainly" and "nearly" have been removed from the claims in response.

Claim 3 was said to be indefinite due to the phrase "load direction." The phrase "load direction" has been changed to "rotating direction" to provide definiteness and to clarify the claim. The claims are believed to be definite, and the applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the section 112 rejection.

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by the German patent publication to Britz or the British patent to Goldschmidt *et al.* or the patent to Reich.

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Reichardt or Boole or Tone or Kern *et al.*

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Spicer, McFarland or Braithwaite.

Amended claims 1 and 2 now recite a radial bearing and a support member. The support member supports the first rotor through the radial bearing. Therefore, the radial load applied to the first rotor is received by the radial bearing, which extends the life of the torque transmitting member, and the torque transmitting member can be designed specifically for transmitting torque in the rotating direction. None of the cited references discloses the structure recited in the amended claims.

In particular, none of the references to Spicer, McFarland, Reich, Boole, Braithwaite, Kern, Goldschmidt and Britz shows a radial load or a radial bearing as claimed. Thus, none of these references anticipates the pending claims.

The patent to Tone discloses a radial load, however, the radial load of the Tone patent is applied to the cushioning means 28, not a support member as claimed. The patent to Reichardt also discloses a radial load; however, the radial load is applied to resilient coupling members 10,


not a support member as claimed. Thus, none of the cited references anticipates the pending claims. The applicants believe that claims 1-3 are allowable over the cited art and respectfully request that the rejection under 35 USC 102(b) be withdrawn.

New claims 28-35 are readable on the elected species. New claims 28-35 depend, either directly or indirectly, on claim 1 and thus are thought to be allowable for the reasons given above.

In view of the forgoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Although no fees are believed to be due, please charge any additional unforeseen fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-1147.

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